

HARRIS COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE

April 13, 2017

10:00 AM

Members Present: Harry Lange, Jayson Johnston, Bill Champion, Lynda Dawson, Nancy McMichael, Amanda Hill, Jim Woods, Randy Dowling. Also in attendance: Andy Kober, news reporter and volunteer firefighter; Jimmy Carver, EMS Director; Daniel Ferrone and Kyle Johnson of the Pine Mountain Police Department.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mr. Lange called the meeting to order.
2. **MINUTES.** The motion to approve the minutes of March 9, 2017, was made by Mr. Champion, seconded by Mr. Johnston, and passed with seven in favor (Lange, Johnston, Champion, Dawson, McMichael, Hill, Dowling), no opposition, and one abstention (Woods, who was not present during the March meeting).
3. **DISCUSSIONS**
 - A. **Open House & Fly-In.**
 - (1) **Permit.** Mrs. Dawson questioned if a permit is needed for the event, and following discussion, Mrs. McMichael said that she would check the zoning ordinance.
 - (2) **Auto Clubs.** Mr. Kober reported that he had contacted the Jeep, motorcycle, and corvette groups and advised that they need to touch base with Mr. Champion.
 - (3) **Outside Food Vendor.** Mrs. Dawson reported that she had been contacted by an outside food vendor and advised them that only the fire department provides the food.
 - (4) **Flyer.** Ms. Hill distributed drafts of the flyer for the open house and asked for all to review and advise of any corrections or additions needed. Pine Mountain Police Department will provide its logo for inclusion on the flyer. Mrs. McMichael will contact the Sheriff's Office regarding same.
 - (5) **Event Insurance.** Mrs. Dawson said that pilots are resisting confirmation of participation due to liability issues. She suggested that one-day event insurance be purchased. Following discussion, Mrs. McMichael said she would contact the County's insurance company about such.
 - B. **Facebook.** Mrs. Dawson asked about Facebook. Discussion included that the former County Manager's wife managed the County's Facebook; that there is no one doing such now; that Mrs. Dawson will try to get the password; and Ms. Hill said that she would help with the Facebook page.
 - C. **Taxiway Lights.** Mr. Champion reported that the lights have been replaced; and that the photocell has been replaced, for which there is a bypass switch if needed on dark, overcast days.
 - D. **Proposed Verizon Cell Tower.** There was discussion regarding the proposed Verizon cell tower, the application for which will be before the Planning Commission on April 19 and before the Board of Commissioners on May 2. Mr. Champion is concerned about the tower placement as it related to approach for planes and plans to have pilots and other individuals associated with airports at both meetings.
 - E. **Security Path/Trail.** Mr. Champion reported that the security path has been completed and we are waiting on the grass. Mrs. Dawson asked about access to Callaway Gardens from the path, and Mr. Champion said there will be punch codes for accessing Callaway property plus there will be a master lock and key. He also said he will be contacting Bill Doyle, with Callaway, now that the path/trail is complete.

- F. **Proposed Budget.** Discussion included that the proposed budget includes fence (county's portion), access road, security system, av gas vehicle, and a building for the fire trucks and fuel trucks.
 - G. **Building for Trucks.** Discussion included that the building for the trucks needs to have two open bays for the fuel trucks and two closed bays (climate controlled) for two fire trucks, both with concrete catchment areas, and that it should blend in with the hangars. Ms. Hill said that the building will not be funded by GDOT, and she indicated that she could do a preliminary plan for the building within the next month and a half, but a task order will be needed for same.
 - H. **Fence.** Discussion included that the fencing will be 10' high and not have any type of additional wire at the top.
 - I. **Corporate Hangar Use.** Mr. Champion reported that the other corporate hangar (Hangar #5) is occupied by a jet and two turbo props.
 - J. **Callaway Gardens & Debt.** Mr. Lange commented that Callaway Gardens is anxious to work a deal with the County regarding its debt and the additional property the County is interested in obtaining for the Airport. He said that he, Mr. Woods, Mr. Dowling, Mr. Champion, and the County Attorney (John Taylor) need to meet and discuss this matter. Ms. Hill said that she will prepare an aerial exhibit regarding the property.
 - K. **Grassing.** Ms. Hill reported that the grassing was started yesterday and should continue today, and the growth progress will be monitored.
 - L. **GDOT Reimbursement.** Ms. Hill reported that the County will soon be receiving reimbursement from GDOT for various expenses related to airport projects (going back to 2015). She said that more reimbursement will be forthcoming regarding the AWOS, beacon and fencing.
 - M. **Solar Farm.** Mr. Lange said that the unofficial stand of the County is there is no interest in having large solar farms in the County.
4. **NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting will be Thursday, May 11, at 10:00 AM.
 5. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lange adjourned the meeting.

Prepared by: Nancy D. McMichael, County Clerk

Minutes approved _____ by a vote of ____ to ____.